CITY OF LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Robert Garcia, 1st District Suja Lowenthal, 2nd District Gary DeLong, 3rd District Patrick O'Donnell, 4th District

Patrick H. West, City Manager Larry G. Herrera, City Clerk



Bob Foster, Mayor

Gerrie Schipske, 5th District Dee Andrews, 6th District Tonia Reyes Uranga, 7th District Rae Gabelich, 8th District Val Lerch, Vice Mayor, 9th District

Robert E. Shannon, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 14, 2009

This Supplemental Agenda contains corrections and additions, which were posted more than 72 hours in advance of the above meeting date.

REQUEST:

The Mayor's office requests the deletion of the Presentation as follows:

LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT 2008 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

HEARINGS:

2. 09-0687

REQUEST:

The Department of Development Services requests that additional communications pertaining to Agenda Item No. 2 be distributed for the City Council meeting of July 14, 2009. Recommended action remains the same.

Recommendation to receive supporting documents into the record, conclude the public hearing, and declare ordinance amending the Rancho Estates Planned Development District (PD-11) read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; and

09-0688

Declare ordinance amending a portion of the use district map from the Rancho Estates Planned Development District (PD-11) to Single Family Residential (R-1-N) read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (District 5)

Office or Department: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS:

15. 09-0704

REQUEST:

Councilmember Robert Garcia, First District, requests designation of co-sponsor to be added to the Office or Department. Recommended action remains the same.

Recommendation to request City Attorney to draft and return within 60 days an Equal Benefits Ordinance, requiring that contractors doing business with the City demonstrate they provide benefits for registered domestic partners that are equal to those provided for married spouses.

Office or Department: COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT GARCIA, FIRST

DISTRICT; COUNCILMEMBER SUJA LOWENTHAL, SECOND DISTRICT

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA (ADDITION)

24. 09-0743

Recommendation to respectfully request that City Council name the Queen Mary Special Events Park as the "Harry Bridges Memorial Park at the Queen Mary," and that this request be referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Office or Department: COUNCILMEMBER SUJA LOWENTHAL,

SECOND DISTRICT; COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT GARCIA, FIRST DISTRICT; COUNCILMAN DEE ANDREWS, SIXTH

DISTRICT

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

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6/29/09

To: Department of Development Services ATTN: Lynette Ferenczy 333 W. Ocean Blvd, 5th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Amendment To Rancho Estates (PD-11)

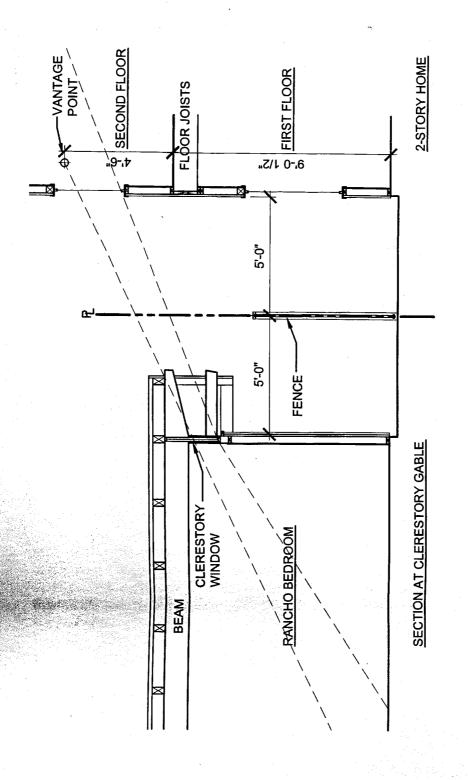
I am writing to support the amendment prohibiting second story additions in the Ranchos. My reasons are as follows:

- 1. The Rancho neighborhood was master-planned for single story homes. The character of the architecture is defined by single story homes with low-slung roofs and clerestory windows. The two story homes already in the neighborhood have a jarring affect on the continuity of the area. Future second story conditions would only further erode the architectural integrity of this unique neighborhood. It's the largest concentration of Cliff May-designed homes and should be afforded some degree of protection from large, unwieldy second story additions.
- 2. The designer placed an emphasis on open plans with natural light by providing clerestory windows at the gables. The design philosophy is well documented in many books and articles about Cliff May and his ranch house concept. The height required by a second story has a profound affect on solar access for natural daylighting. In addition, there are implications in regard to photo voltaic arrays as alternative energy sources become more prevalent.
- 3. Another design character of the Ranchos is their privacy. Privacy was obviously a major design consideration. Second stories can severely encroach on privacy in these homes. Second stories tend to provide a direct view into the clerestory windows at the gables. These triangular clerestory windows are difficult to screen from second story views and, in fact, were never meant to have window treatments such as blinds or drapes. I've attached a line of site diagram illustrating the problem.

Thanks for considering my support of the amendment to PD-11.

Sincerely,

Terry Todd Roxanne Ave Long Beach, CA 90808



LINE OF SITE SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0" 6



<ksulack@cox.net>

To lynette.ferenczy@longbeach.gov

CC

07/07/2009 10:32 PM

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Subject Rancho Estates

History: Pris message has been replied to.

Hi Lynette, Thanks for the update regarding the public hearing and proposed amendment. own the property at 3041 Lees Ave which was purchased by my husband in the early 50's. He was the original owner and I'm in favor of the amendment. I'm happy to see some of the Cliff May homes being purchased and restored in the Lakewood Rancho Estates. The contemporary design and affordable price of the Californian made them very attractive originally. I visited a neighborhood of homes in San Jose of a similar style designed by Eichler who was another designer of that era that looked to be close to 75% restored. also read of a neighborhood in Sacramento of 50's era homes being restored. There's definitely an interest in these homes that were considered innovative in their time. Sincerely, Kathy Sulack



sandy rose <leesrose1@hotmail.com>

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07/05/2009 09:34 AM

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Subject PD-11

I am in favor of prohibiting second story additions. My neighbor did this completely blocking my view of the sky and the trees...hate it! I hope this passes.

Insert movie times and more without leaving Hotmail®. See how.



Office of Robert Garcia Council Member, First District Memorandum

Date:

July 14, 2009

To:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:

Council Member Robert Garcia, First District

Council Member Suja Lowenthal, Second District

Subject:

Equal Benefits Ordinance

Background:

Domestic Partnerships are used in many states to offer gay and lesbian couples rights and benefits equal or similar to those enjoyed by married heterosexual couples. However, some employers do not recognize these partnerships when awarding health insurance and other benefits to their employees, and no state or federal law compels them to do so.

Long Beach is a recognized leader in equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. We are host to one of the biggest PRIDE festivals in the world, we provide benefits for registered domestic partners, and we do not tolerate discrimination in hiring or promotions in city government and civil service. For these reasons and others, we are home to a thriving gay and lesbian community. However, we do not have an Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO) relating to contractors and vendors, which means we leave ourselves open to financially supporting companies that may discriminate against gay and lesbian partnerships. Other cities, including Los Angeles, Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Miami Beach, Seattle and Olympia, Washington have EBO's in place, some for as many as 12 years, and have been successful in implementing and enforcing them. The State of California has an EBO as well.

It is time for Long Beach, known worldwide for LGBT equality, to join our neighbors by implementing this progressive policy.

Any EBO ordinance implemented may contain certain terms and qualifications to be feasible, such as:

- Applying only to contracts over a monetary threshold amount.
- Exempting contracts where the product or service is indispensable to the city or the public welfare and not available through a firm with equal benefits.
- Allowing the city manager to make exceptions in these and similar circumstances.
- Providing an "in lieu" provision in such cases, under which the contractor or vendor would provide additional compensation to employees until equal benefits are implemented

An annual report from city staff to the council should be produced to track the effectiveness and any challenges of implementing this ordinance.

Recommendation:

Request the City Attorney draft and return within 60 days an Equal Benefits Ordinance, requiring that contractors doing business with the City demonstrate they provide benefits for registered domestic partners that are equal to those provided for married spouses.



Working Together to Serve

NB-22

Date:

July 14, 2009

To:

HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Robert Garcia, Councilmember First District

From:

Suja Lowenthal, Councilmember Second District Dee Andrews, Councilmember Sixth District

Subject:

AGENDA ITEM: Request To Rename Queen Mary Special Events Park In Honor

Of Harry Bridges

DISCUSSION

In July of 2008, the Long Beach City Council voted to recognize legendary International Longshoreman and Warehouse Union founding president, Harry Bridges, by proclaiming July 28th as Harry Bridges Day in the City of Long Beach. In memory of this proclamation, we have received a request from the local members of the International Longshoreman and Warehouse Union, and Southern California District Council President, Rich Dines, to rename the Queen Mary Special Events Park to *Harry Bridges Memorial Park at the Queen Mary*.

The legendary longshore union leader was known as a humble dockworker that rose to become one of the leading national figures in the labor movement. He was a modest man that fought for the rights of thousands of workers regardless of race, religion, national origin or political belief.

On July 5th of 1934, Harry lead the ILWU to in the historic strike of 1934 along the Pacific seaboard, which is known as "Bloody Thursday" because of the two lives that were lost and the blood that was shed on that day. In the long run, this strike stimulated other organizations and helped raise the standards of living for every man, woman, and child along the coast of California.

Today, the ILWU members work diligently to keep our port running strong and they continue to be the backbone of our country's economic engine.

RECOMMENDATION

We respectfully request that the Long Beach City Council name the Queen Mary Special Events Park, as the "Harry Bridges Memorial Park at the Queen Mary" and that this request be referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

City of Long Beach Memorandum Working Together to Serve

REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date:

July 10, 2009

To:

Larry Herrera, City Clerk

From:

Councilmember Dee Andrews

Subject:

Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of July 14, 2009

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

We respectfully request that the Long Beach City Council name the Queen Mary Special Events Park, as the "Harry Bridges Memorial Park at the Queen Mary" and that this request be referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council	Authorizing	
District	Councilmember	Signed by
1	Robert GARCIA	
2	SUJA LOWENTHAL	72
6	Dee Andrews	Der

Attachment: Staff Report dated July 14, 2009

CC: Office of the Mayor